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PRESIDENTS INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

1. CONGO:

A) FIGHTING BETWEEN UN AND KATANGAN FORCES, WHICH CENTERED YESTERDAY MAINLY ON THE ROADS LEADING OUT OF ELIZABETHVILLE, HAS NOW MOVED INTO THE CITY ITSELF AND MAY SPREAD NEXT TO TOWNS IN NORTHERN KATANGA.

B) THE UN HAS REPORTEDLY ABANDONED SEVERAL STRONG POINTS IN ELIZABETHVILLE BUT STILL CONTROLS THE AIRPORT WHICH WILL BE USED TO BRING IN REINFORCEMENTS. SIX US GLOBEMASTERS HAVE ALREADY LEFT LEOPOLDVILLE WITH MEN AND EQUIPMENT AND SOME 350 ADDITIONAL REINFORCEMENTS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE FLOWN IN LATER TODAY.

C) THE UN HAS ALSO PUT ITS JETS INTO THE AIR OVER KATANGA.

D) IN PARIS, TSHOMBE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL RETURN TO ELIZABETHVILLE IMMEDIATELY.

E) THE KATANGANS SHOW NO SIGNS OF BEING WILLING TO NEGOTIATE OR GIVE UP. EVEN IF UN FORCES WIN THE BATTLE FOR ELIZABETHVILLE, KATANGAN SOLDIERS AND MERCENARIES MAY TAKE TO THE BRUSH TO CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE. THERE IS ALSO A DANGER THAT TSHOMBE'S FORCES WILL DESTROY KEY MINING AND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES RATHER THAN HAVE THEM FALL INTO UN HANDS.

2. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:

[REDACTED] A GLIMMER OF
HOPE IN YESTERDAY'S DEVELOPMENTS. TENTATIVE ACCORD, WHICH
SEEMS TO HAVE A FAIRLY GOOD CHANCE OF FINAL APPROVAL BY BOTH
SIDES, WAS REACHED ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

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A) BALAGUER WILL RETIRE FOR REASONS OF HEALTH AFTER
SETTING UP A COUNCIL OF STATE, (B) THE COUNCIL, MADE UP OF
DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS, WILL ELECT A NEW HEAD, WHO WILL
PRESIDE UNTIL ELECTIONS ARE HELD IN MAY, (C) THE MILITARY
MUST APPROVE THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND WILL BE SUBJECT TO
HIS AUTHORITY, NOT THE COUNCIL'S AS A WHOLE.

3. PHOUMI HEDGING AGAINST FAILURE OF NEGOTIATIONS:

HE IS MAKING A NUMBER OF CONTINGENCY PREPARATIONS,
INCLUDING REDEPLOYMENT OF MAJOR MILITARY UNITS, WHICH
WOULD PUT HIM IN A BETTER POSITION TO BRING ABOUT A DE
FACTO PARTITION IF NEGOTIATIONS FAIL. AS THE RESULT OF
RECENT MOVEMENTS FROM THE NORTH, PHOUMI NOW HAS SIX OF

NINE OF HIS MOBILE GROUPS--EACH CONSISTING OF SEVERAL INFANTRY BATTALIONS--IN THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE COUNTRY.

4. INDIA TIGHTENING PRESSURE ON GOA:

NEW DELHI, WITH THE UPCOMING ELECTION IN MIND, IS CONTINUING ITS MILITARY BUILDUP NEAR THE ENCLAVE. THE ATTENDANT PUBLICITY IS SUBJECTING THE PORTUGUESE TO A CONSIDERABLE WAR OF NERVES. INDIAN PLANS ARE TO MOVE UP TO 30,000 TROOPS WITH NAVAL AND AIR SUPPORT INTO THE VICINITY WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS--PORTUGUESE FORCES IN THE ENCLAVE ARE BELIEVED TO NUMBER FROM 4,000 TO 6,000 MEN. WE DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT NEHRU INTENDS AT THIS JUNCTURE TO GIVE THE SIGNAL FOR AN ATTACK.

5. SUKARNO BEING URGED TO APPEAL TO US ON VIETNAM:

ONE OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE DELEGATION FROM NORTH VIETNAM, IS TO GET SUKARNO TO WRITE PRESIDENT KENNEDY INDICATING CONCERN OVER THE US ROLE IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THE NORTH

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VIETNAMESE ARE OBVIOUSLY PLAYING ON SUKARNO'S RELISH FOR
THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKER, AND THE LATTER HAS
EXPRESSED "HIS UNDERSTANDING" OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE
APPEAL.

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6. LANGE'S TALKS WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS--IN HIS TALKS WITH MIKOYAN, GROMYKO AND KHRUSHCHEV, THE NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MADE A "POLITE AND FIRM" DEFENSE OF NORWEGIAN POLICY, PARTICULARLY REGARDING NATO. KHRUSHCHEV'S REMARKS ON BERLIN WERE ALONG USUAL LINES, BUT HE (A) CATEGORICALLY REJECTED PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S SUGGESTION FOR INTERNATIONALIZING THE AUTOBAHN; (B) AGAIN INSISTED THAT SOVIET TROOPS HAD A RIGHT TO BE IN BERLIN IF WESTERN TROOPS REMAINED AND SAID WE "ARE IN FOR HARD TRIALS" UNLESS THE WEST AGREES; AND (C) SAID THAT AFTER THE PEACE TREATY IS SIGNED WESTERN TROOPS WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE OR THEIR ACCESS WOULD BE CUT OFF. THE SOVIET PREMIER SPOKE WELL OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT RELATIONS WOULD IMPROVE TO THE POINT WHERE THE PRESIDENT COULD VISIT THE SOVIET UNION.

NOTES:

A. EARLY PRESS REPORTS FROM MOSCOW SAY THAT THE SOVIET BUDGET FOR 1962, PRESENTED TO THE SUPREME SOVIET WHICH OPENED TODAY, CALLS FOR A SIZEABLE INCREASE IN MILITARY SPENDING. WE DO NOT EXPECT TO HAVE DETAILS ENOUGH FOR A CLOSE ANALYSIS BEFORE TOMORROW.

B. QASIM HAS ISSUED AN AMNESTY FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS WHICH WILL HAVE THE EFFECT OF FREEING A GOOD NUMBER OF COMMUNISTS. THIS COULD BE PART OF THE PRICE HE PAID FOR THE SOVIET VETO OF KUWAIT'S UN MEMBERSHIP.

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D. OUR EMBASSY IN KABUL REPORTS THAT SOVIET TRAINING OF THE AFGHAN ARMED FORCES IS INCREASING STEADILY. IT FEARS THAT THE US MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAM IS FINISHED. THE EMBASSY ESTIMATES THAT THERE ARE NOW BETWEEN 5 AND 8 THOUSAND SOVIET NATIONALS IN AFGHANISTAN FOR ALL PURPOSE, AND REPORTS THAT THE USSR IS PROVIDING MORE THAN ENOUGH ASSISTANCE TO COMPENSATE FOR THE CLOSURE OF ECONOMIC OUTLETS THROUGH PAKISTAN.